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## HIGHLIGHTS

July Crop Report  
Supply & Disappearance  
Cattle on Feed & Cattle  
Inventory  
Lamb Crop & Market Sheep  
Milk Production

## 2000 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST

Nebraska's 2000 winter wheat crop is forecast at 66.5 million bushels, down 10% from last month. This production is 23% below last year's crop and down 20% from 1998. The July 1 yield forecast, at 38 bushels per acre, is down 10 bushels from the record high 48 bushel yield of 1999 and down 4 bushels from last month. The smaller yield forecast is the result of dry conditions during June in the Panhandle and Southwestern counties during the last stages of development. June precipitation averaged between 20-40% of normal during June for the western

growing regions. Crop development at the end of June was well ahead of normal, with near 50% of the acreage harvested.

Acreage to be harvested for grain, forecast at 1.75 million acres, is unchanged from last month but 3% below 1999. Harvested acreage is expected to be 95% of the 1.85 million acres planted. Last year, 90% of the planted acreage was harvested for grain. By July 1, 1.73% of the crop was considered ripe, two weeks ahead of the 16% average. Harvest was winding down in portions of the South, with combining active in lower Panhandle counties. Wheat crop condition rated 14% very poor, 30% poor, 41% fair and 15% good.

## OAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Oat production is forecast at 3.15 million bushels, down 32% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 70,000 acres, is down 7% from last year. Yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from last year and the lowest yield since 1993.

## JULY 1, 2000 ESTIMATES AND COMPARATIVE DATA FOR NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES

Classification	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	2000 <u>1/</u>	1998	1999	2000 <u>1/</u>
Winter Wheat:						
Harvested for Grain <u>2/</u> . . . Percent	95.0	90.0	95.0	86.0	82.0	82.0
For harvest . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,800	1,800	1,750	40,126	35,572	35,401
Yield . . . . . Bushels	46.0	48.0	38.0	46.9	47.8	44.9
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	82,800	86,400	66,500	1,880,733	1,699,989	1,588,376
Oats:						
Harvested for Grain <u>2/</u> . . . Percent	56.0	56.0	54.0	56.0	53.0	55.0
For harvest . . . . . 1,000 Acres	95	75	70	2,755	2,453	2,472
Yield . . . . . Bushels	56.0	62.0	45.0	60.2	59.6	61.2
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	5,320	4,650	3,150	165,981	146,218	151,380

1/ Forecast. 2/ Percent of seeded acreage.

**NEBRASKA -- WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS, 1999-2000 1/**

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest . . . . .	895.0	815.0	756.4	771.0	43.4	38.9	32,836.3	30,010.0
North . . . . .	15.0	12.0	13.5	11.0	45.4*	34.0	613.5	374.0
Northeast . . . . .	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.5	47.5*	30.0	114.1	75.0
Central . . . . .	27.0	30.0	25.7	26.5	52.9	31.0	1,358.4	822.0
East . . . . .	30.0	30.0	28.8	29.0	47.3*	31.0	1,363.5	899.0
Southwest . . . . .	635.0	600.0	595.8	580.0	51.8*	39.0	30,839.6	22,620.0
South . . . . .	215.0	200.0	205.0	180.0	54.3	40.0	11,139.5	7,200.0
Southeast . . . . .	180.0	160.0	172.4	150.0	47.2*	30.0	8,135.1	4,500.0
NEBRASKA . . .	2,000.0	1,850.0	1,800.0	1,750.0	48.0*	38.0	86,400.0	66,500.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 1999 and forecast as of July 1, 2000.

**WINTER WHEAT -- ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION -- SELECTED STATES**

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre			Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000		1999	2000
				June 1	July 1		
	1,000 acres			Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Colorado . . . . .	2,400	2,350	43.0	40.0	30.0	103,200	70,500
Kansas . . . . .	9,200	9,300	47.0	42.0	39.0	432,400	362,700
Missouri . . . . .	920	1,000	48.0	51.0	52.0	44,160	52,000
Montana . . . . .	970	1,350	38.0	35.0	35.0	36,860	47,250
NEBRASKA . . . . .	1,800	1,750	48.0	42.0	38.0	86,400	66,500
Oklahoma . . . . .	4,300	4,300	35.0	37.0	34.0	150,500	146,200
South Dakota . . . . .	1,260	1,280	47.0	44.0	44.0	59,220	56,320
Texas . . . . .	3,400	2,500	36.0	31.0	29.0	122,400	72,500
Washington . . . . .	1,670	1,800	58.0	69.0	69.0	96,860	124,200
United States . . . . .	35,572	35,401	47.8	46.7	44.9	1,699,989	1,588,376

**U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK**

CROP YEAR	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning Stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use 2/	Other				
<u>CORN:</u>	Million bushels									\$/bu.
1998/99 . . . . .	9,759	1,308	19	11,085	5,471	1,846	1,981	9,298	1,787	1.94
1999/00 . . . . .	9,437	1,787	15	11,239	5,625	1,920	1,875	9,420	1,819	1.80
2000/01 . . . . .	10,013	1,819	10	11,842	5,650	1,960	2,050	9,660	2,182	1.50-1.90
<u>SOYBEANS:</u>										
1998/99 . . . . .	2,741	200	3	2,944	1,590	204	801	2,595	348	4.93
1999/00 . . . . .	2,643	348	3	2,994	1,570	170	965	2,705	290	4.65
2000/01 . . . . .	2,940	290	3	3,233	1,610	173	970	2,752	480	3.90-4.90
<u>WHEAT:</u>										
1998/99 . . . . .	2,547	722	103	3,373	908	477	1,042	2,427	946	2.65
1999/00 . . . . .	2,302	946	94	3,342	920	382	1,090	2,392	950	2.50
2000/01 . . . . .	2,243	950	100	3,293	935	311	1,100	2,346	947	2.25-2.75
<u>SORGHUM:</u>										
1998/99 . . . . .	520	49	---	569	262	45	197	504	65	1.66
1999/00 . . . . .	595	65	---	660	290	55	250	595	65	1.55
2000/01 . . . . .	564	65	---	629	260	55	240	555	74	1.25-1.65

\* Projections for 1999 and 2000 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of July 12, 2000. Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. 2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

**CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS  
& OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS 1/**

STATE	JULY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			JUNE PLACEMENTS			JUNE MARKETINGS			JUNE OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 2/		
	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
			%			%			%			%
Arizona* . . . . .	198	274	138	20	34	170	26	35	135	3	1	33
California* . . . .	375	410	109	60	58	97	50	53	106	5	5	100
Colorado* . . . . .	1,020	1,090	107	160	150	94	225	230	102	5	10	200
Idaho . . . . .	275	290	105	61	60	98	62	65	105	9	10	111
Iowa* . . . . .	310	345	111	45	46	102	64	55	86	1	1	100
Kansas* . . . . .	1,960	2,160	110	410	360	88	460	485	105	10	5	50
<b>Nebraska*</b> . . . .	1,790	1,950	109	300	315	105	500	460	92	10	5	50
New Mexico . . . .	82	89	109	16	15	94	19	16	84	2	0	0
Oklahoma . . . . .	325	355	109	73	62	85	76	78	103	2	4	200
So. Dakota . . . .	140	144	103	15	18	120	36	37	103	3	2	67
Texas* . . . . .	2,530	2,730	108	520	450	87	510	510	100	10	10	100
Washington . . . .	215	202	94	65	48	74	48	61	127	1	1	100
Other Sts . . . . .	345	350	101	49	48	98	77	70	91	2	3	150
U.S. . . . .	9,565	10,389	109	1,794	1,664	93	2,153	2,155	100	63	57	90
7 States . . . . .	8,183	8,959	109	1,515	1,413	93	1,835	1,828	100	44	37	84

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

\* Historical 7 States.

**CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 1998-2000**

CLASS	1998	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
	Thousand head			Percent
Cattle and Calves . . . . .	107,700	107,000	106,400	99
Cows and Heifers that have Calved . . . . .	43,600	43,300	43,200	100
Beef Cows . . . . .	34,400	34,150	33,950	99
Milk Cows . . . . .	9,200	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over . . . . .	16,700	16,600	16,500	99
For Beef Cow Replacement . . . . .	5,000	4,800	4,700	98
For Milk Cow Replacement . . . . .	3,600	3,700	3,700	100
Other Heifers . . . . .	8,100	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over . . . . .	14,600	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over . . . . .	2,200	2,200	2,100	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds . . . . .	30,600	30,500	30,300	99
Calf Crop 1/ . . . . .	38,812	38,710	38,900	100

1/ For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.

**LAMB CROP AND MARKET SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY, BY REGION AND U.S., JULY 1, 2000 1/**

LAMB CROP AND MARKET SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY, BY REGION AND U.S. TOTAL, 2000-1												
Regions 2/	Lambs Born Through June 30 3/	Lambs Expected After June 30 4/	Total Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan. 1	Market Lambs					Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs	All Sheep and Lambs
					Under 65 lbs.	65 to 84 lbs.	85 to 105 lbs.	Over 105 lbs.	Total			
1,000 head												
Region 1 ..	600	215	815	796	155	170	140	55	520	10	530	1,430
Region 2 ..	735	145	880	980	425	130	30	25	610	20	630	1,800
Region 3 ..	1,450	20	1,470	1,394	975	170	90	110	1,345	20	1,365	2,965
Region 4 ..	665	60	725	519	265	145	100	65	575	10	585	1,300
Region 5 ..	570	70	640	539	190	95	40	25	350	10	360	1,005
U.S. ....	4,020	510	4,530	4,228	2,010	710	400	280	3,400	70	3,470	8,500

1/ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States. 2/ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states. 3/ Lambs born alive between January 1, through June 30, 2000. 4/ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2000.

# MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item & Quarter	October-December		January-March		April-June	
	1998	1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
Milk cows <u>1/</u>	T h o u s a n d   h e a d					
Nebraska . . . . .	70	75	72	75	73	75
20 States . . . . .	7,695	7,753	7,701	7,768	7,731	7,796
United States . . . . .	9,128	9,170	9,128	9,187	9,155	9,213
Milk production <u>2/</u>	M i l l i o n   p o u n d s					
Nebraska . . . . .	266	296	277	309	285	315
20 States . . . . .	33,422	34,792	34,741	36,626	36,182	37,212
United States . . . . .	38,901	40,406	40,505	42,593	42,029	43,137

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES, 1999-2000

Month	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January . . . . .	7,694	7,765	1,518	1,578	11,679	12,256	105
February . . . . .	7,696	7,766	1,404	1,505	10,804	11,691	108
March . . . . .	7,713	7,774	1,585	1,631	12,228	12,679	104
April . . . . .	7,720	7,787	1,554	1,592	11,998	12,399	103
May . . . . .	7,733	7,795	1,610	1,635	12,447	12,743	102
June . . . . .	7,740	7,805	1,516	1,546	11,737	12,070	103
July . . . . .	7,751		1,498		11,610		
August . . . . .	7,755		1,487		11,534		
September . . . . .	7,753		1,445		11,200		
October . . . . .	7,746		1,491		11,549		
November . . . . .	7,756		1,459		11,315		
December . . . . .	7,757		1,538		11,928		
Annual . . . . .	7,735		18,103		140,029		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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